

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 592

By Curcio

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bob Duncan of Maury County on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the General Assembly should pay special tribute to those laudable historians who, through their resolute actions, unqualified dedication, and exemplary service, preserve the history of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Bob Duncan is one such estimable person who has served with probity as Maury County Historian and Director of the Maury County Archives and will take his much-deserved retirement on February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the son of Lila Pearl Cude Duncan and the late Paul Duncan, Mr. Duncan was born in Columbia on October 6, 1951, and was raised in Williamsport in Maury County, "the bright center of the universe"; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Central High School, Bob Duncan attended Lambuth University in Jackson and George Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to public service, Mr. Duncan was a member of the Maury County Commission for several terms, during which time he served as chair of the Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duncan began his tenure as the Maury County Historian in 1995, and he assumed the position of Director of the Maury County Archives on February 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a prolific writer, Bob Duncan is the author of *River of Fire*, *Second Century Review*, and *Born Old In Sin*, among others; he has written a weekly column on local history and preservation for Columbia's *Daily Herald* since March 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duncan was named the 2000-2001 Citizen of the Year by the Columbia Civitan Club; he received the 2002 Certificate of Merit from the Tennessee Historical Commission and the 2003 Kiwanis Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, a Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Fellow, he was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Historic Preservation in 2004 by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and in 2005, he became an honorary member of the DAR in Maury County; and

WHEREAS, he enjoys the love and support of his wife, Dorothy; his two sons, Sam and Dave; his grandson, Paul Dempsey Duncan; his sister, Martha Duncan; his brother, Don Duncan; and his mother, Lila Pearl Cude Duncan; and

WHEREAS, Bob Duncan is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Bob Duncan for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Maury County Historian and Director of the Maury County Archives and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.